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Applicants: NAKAMOTO, et al.
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect the Group IA claims (that is, claims 1 and 2, drawn to an apparatus) for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the Group IA claims on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.36898VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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